





## A DESERT CLAIM.

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(CONTINUED.)

## CHAPTER XIII.

The tall clock in the corner of the hall, in five slow, clanging strokes, was ringing a knell for another dead hour. Edith Ellery, dressed for a drive, came glidingly tripping down that great oak staircase whose exquisite polish was of a sort to almost audibly cry a warning to unwary feet. Never could the girl have looked more lovely than now, as she settled herself in a corner of the high-backed seat in the shadow of the stairway, her cheeks flushed as though by turned to rival the smiling, red-lipped mouth, her brown eyes shining with a sort of scintillant glow, like bits of polished gold. It was in natural reaction from the gloom which had lately so heavily oppressed her that now, for the moment, she was almost riotously happy. She had forgotten to reproach herself for her weak and vacillating attitude toward Marshall Woodbury. She did not care to think what the future might hold in store. She only exulted in the thought that within the hour, when once her fateful message was flashing over the wires, she could feel that she had finally severed the last knot of that foolish tangle into which she had blundered. She could have shouted for gladness in the mad sense of freedom that was hers once more.

She idly picked up a newspaper, but she was too excited to read. The striking of the clock had suggested a new idea, reminding her of the difference in time between Denver and Boston. Marshall Woodbury by this time must have left his office for the day, and his message, if directed there, could not reach him before the next morning. In her impatience to have the matter settled beyond question she debated if it would not be better to have it follow him to his house, and yet, hesitating, with a whimsical smile—It seemed that she could hardly take any question seriously just now—she reminded herself that he might perhaps prefer not to have his good night's sleep haunted by such words. Edging restlessly as she saw herself confronted again with the vexed question of just how much this man really cared for her. In truth, it had been a certain jealous distrust of the real depths of his love which had held her back in the first instance, when she had been most disposed in his favor, a haunting conviction that there had been more of cool reason than of passion in his choice, and there was a touch of sarcasm in her smile now as, with a shrug, she decided that the telegram should follow him to his pillow if perchance it might go through directly. There was satisfaction of a sort in her belief that she was not, after all, to hurt him overmuch, but her woman's heart was still capable of a touch of unreasoning soreness; that, since he had presumed to call himself her lover, he had not loved her a little more.

It was this slight, unacknowledged plume perhaps which lent a flavor of almost vengeful zest to the feeling with which she reported over to herself the words she planned to send him, checking off the number carefully with her small gloved fingers. "For like most women of little acquaintance with that time and labor saving device of modern communication, she was impressed with a vague conviction that to send more than ten words by telegraph was somewhat forbidden, by law, while to send less would have been an impossible affront to that passion for getting the worth of her money minutes in every woman's heart. But to convey her meaning clearly in such manager phrase and in such terms that its sentimental purport should not be patent to every callow operator who listened to the clicking of the words between that point and Boston seemed a matter deserving of all serious consideration.

"Cannot see you here. Useless and painful. Will write." The words came within the prescribed limit certainly, but there was room for one more, regarding with a puzzled frown the little finger of her left hand, sticking stiffly away from its fellows, as though bound to call attention to the fact that it had been left out in the brief scrawl. And then had any one been watching, he would have seen a strange light flash into the eyes which had been absent regarding that paper upon her lap, while all the bloom as suddenly faded from her face as if the hand of death had fallen upon her. She was staring dully at a column whose fading lines her rigid fingers seemed to be pointing out, as though moved by the fates to compel her attention:

"Discovery of an Organized Band of Horse Thieves in Wyoming. Startling Developments. Arrest of the Ringleader of the Gang, Paul Brown, a Man Hitherto Held in High Esteem among the Cattle Men. Feared That He May Be Lynched."

So far she read uncomprehendingly, daily going over the lines a second time before the full meaning of the words seemed clear to her, but then, with a smothered cry, she caught the sheet closer to her blanched face, hurriedly devouring the finer print which followed:

CHEYENNE, July 15.—For some time past the citizens of this section have suffered severely from the depredations of rustlers, who seemed to be working in a regularly organized band, scattered in different parts of the state, passing the stock from hand to hand, altering brands and cleverly eluding the vigilance of the law. At length, however, the rustling gang has been traced and arrested. The gang was composed of about twenty men, who were undoubtedly the ringleader of the notorious work is safely lodged in the custody of the sheriff at Cheyenne. It happened on the night of July 4 that two valuable horses were stolen from the K's ranch on Big Crow creek, one of them, evidently a clever ruse to ward off suspicion, a fine animal belonging to Paul Brown himself, the man under arrest, who was employed on the place as a horse breaker. A trusted agent of the Wyoming Stock Association at once repaired to the place upon learning the circumstances and with his accustomed skill quickly succeeded in tracing everything one of the most brazen schemes of rustling which this region has ever developed. It appears that on the night in question there was a dance at Cottonwood, a small hamlet a dozen miles on the other side of the ranch, to which all the boys belonging to the place, with the exception of Brown, had gone. It was remarked at the time as rather singular that he so deliberately resisted all importunities to make one of the party, but

although before pleasure was apparently the ruling principle with this young man. A young lady residing at the place now testifies that she was awakened about midnight by mysterious sounds, and, going to the window of her room, which faces the barn and corral, she distinctly saw in the moonlight this fellow Brown making for the stables. Curious as to what had taken him forth at such an hour, she sat waiting at the window to see him return and think she must have fallen asleep, as the clock was not striking. She found herself roused up, while at the same time she saw Brown loitering under the trees, having evidently just returned from his strange errand. Tracks leading through the corral indicate that the horses were taken of that way, while all the signs point toward a corral on the direction of the last river country, where Brown has a range of his own. The girl's evidence, though given with reluctance, is positive and direct, while Brown admits the truth of her statement as to the time of his going toward the barn, although he stoutly denies his guilt, offering the remarkable explanation that, though he started for that point, he, for some caprice yet unexplained, turned aside to gaze at the moon through the hours of other-wise unaccounted for. There seems little question that this peculiar sentimentalist was gazing at the moon on this particular occasion from the back of his own horse, which was taken merely as a blind, while he rode out to hand over to a confederate one of the valuable little fillies in that section of Wyoming. Great excitement prevails over the arrest in Cheyenne, where the young man has hitherto borne a good reputation, and alarming developments are being made. The sheriff announces his determination to protect the prisoner at all hazards, but the stockmen are aroused over their losses, and it is rumored upon the streets that a necktie social is among the possibilities.

Edith seemed fairly paralyzed with the growing sense of amazement and horror as she read. It was a morning paper, and that communication from Cheyenne was dated the day before, daily turning the paper over to look. "Perhaps even now—O God! O God!" she gasped and choked with the whispered cry. All the air seemed suddenly exhausted in the room. She had an odd difficulty in breathing, and everything showed blurred in a dull monochrome. She knew too well the temper of the cattleman as to their losses to doubt that there might be short shrift for one proved guilty as a rustler, whoever he might be. She could even believe that their indignation, turned toward Paul Brown, might burn the more fiercely from the feeling that they had so long been hoodwinked by a clever rogue. And how—ah, how—had sworn to her—she had demanded the vow—that he would never betray the silly secret of that night, come what would, and she knew that he would go down to his death, if need were, keeping his word.

Against the dark background of confused thought his face was clear before her—that strong, resolute face betraying in every line the firmness of character which, nursed as a virtue, had developed toward an unyielding obstinacy bordering on a vice. Once a resolution had assumed shape in that man's mind, were it but the outgrowth of a whim, his impulse would be to hold it to it at any cost. And now it was she who had bound him to silence; who whose lightest wish, she well knew, would be to him a law; she, to preserve whose fancied honor his lips would be sealed as to that night's doings, even though she had never asked it. Ah, the pity of it, the madness of it! Her honor against his! To sacrifice his own good name, to let the world point at him as a horse thief, perchance to lay down his life itself, that nobody might guess that she, Edith Ellery, had been with him alone at an hour to which, from the villainous of their own minds, men were so ready to impute evil. To pay such a price as this for that bauble thing, her reputation! How could he dream that she could ask it, could permit it? "O God! O God! Have pity! To be here, tongue tied and helpless, when a word might save him!"

The soft frown of silk in the hall above called a poor, strained mask of composure to her face, and though her fingers trembled clumsily over the task they were yet quick to roll that fatal paper into the smallest compass, thrusting it under the pile of cushions at one side. She could not talk to Barbara about this awful thing.

"Have I worn your patience to tatters?" cried her hostess laughingly, peeping over the balustrade as she hurried down the stairs. "But, child, what makes you look so queer? Is it the light from the stained glass, or are you really ill?" coming to her full of tender anxiety.

"Oh, it must be the stained glass." The pale lips bravely essayed a smile, which after all amounted to scarcely more than a grimace. "I have a slight headache, but it is nothing."

"The drive will do you good," Mrs. Hallet returned, with a caressing smile, her tone quite reassured. She fancied that she had fathomed the difficulty at a glance. The girl's sympathies were doubtless wrought up to the highest tension at the thought of the pain she was about to inflict upon her lover. Doubtless she trembled in innocent, girlish vanity with the fancy that she might be about to wreck his life at one fell swoop, and Mrs. Hallet, who had lived to see many a life drift a wreck, but never one for love alone, gazed in her soul in good humored cynicism.

"And shall we drive directly to the telegraph office?" she asked when they were in the carriage, a gleam of mischief in her smile. "Do you still want to send that fatal message?"

"Yes, the telegraph office. And won't you ask him to drive fast, please?" Her breath came hurriedly, while a fever spot of red of a sudden flamed on either white cheek. A telegram! Ah, why had she not thought of that before? It might not be too late to save him yet.

"If I were done, I were well I were done quickly," she murmured, with a strained, excited laugh in answer to the other's curious glance.

"I believe you are repenting already, Edith," hazarded Mrs. Hallet teasingly. "Your expression is quite tragic. Don't let yourself make a mistake, dear."

"No, I shall not make a mistake," the girl exclaimed, with another sharp outbreak of that strained, hysterical laughter. Her companion looked at her with a baffled sense of being somehow, outside the situation, but with the exquisite tact which always distinguished her, cleverly changed the subject. She was curiously interested in the girl's strange mood, which she meant should be explained to her, but it was one of her theories that nerves in small things, no less than in great, is worth the price of infinite patience. She chattered on of indifferent topics, occasionally calling attention to the building especially fine, and so they drove on.

ally responsive, in an undercurrent of thought was eagerly framing this second telegram she had to send, this time with no negligently counting of words. Fortunately the drive was rather long, and there had been time for the girl to grow quite composed before the carriage drew up before the Western Union office. "Don't come, Barbara. It is not worth while," she hastily protested as she eagerly sprang to the ground, and Mrs. Hallet, although she might have been a little piqued at the evident desire to be spared her surveillance, was yet sufficiently gracious to smile as she settled acquiescently back against the cushions.

"And now the deed is done, I suppose," she observed laughingly when, after a very short absence, the girl returned. "The die is cast."

"Ah, never say die!" A note of strange triumph was in that wild, hysterical laugh. What would Barbara Hallet say could she know that at that moment a message was flashing across the wires to Tom Tregent of Cheyenne, saying: "Paul Brown is innocent of charges against him. I will be in Cheyenne by night train prepared to prove it," and signed with her name? And now the next thing to do, "Would you mind telling the man to drive to the Union station?" she asked, trying to speak with matter of fact carelessness, but faltering somewhat, her eyes falling. "I want,"—moistening her dry lips nervously—"I want to ask about a train."

"The trains from Boston? To find out if your message will reach him before he leaves, you sharp little puss? Can't you leave it all to Providence? But, of course, if you wish," faintly giving the order. "How the poor ticket man will swear in his heart when you pin him down to his book of time tables with such an unbecomingly demand! But I dare say he deserves it for his sins."

"I will try not to be too hard on him," returned the girl, conscious that the other did not half believe in the pretext she had so ingeniously constructed and was waiting for a fuller explanation. "All the way to the station she sat in a listless silence, her mind wrestling impatiently with the problem which now confronted her. She was resolved to go to Cheyenne by the first train, which she knew would leave Denver at some hour in the evening. Yet how could she escape from her friend without full explanation of her purpose, which, upon reflection, she felt but the more determined to withhold? She knew too well the character



She idly picked up a newspaper, of Barbara Hallet to question that. Were all made clear, she must have the company of that friend on this journey. With her generous, impulsive sympathy Barbara would count it shame to herself to let the girl go upon that weary night expedition alone. But Edith, with a sickened heart, remembered that there might be the publicity of a courtship to face, reporters and the horrors of newspaper pot-decote. There might even be—ah, that "special correspondence" was dated yesterday. She could never forget that. Even now it might be too late. She shut her pale lips together with a sort of fierceness to keep from crying out. Dearly would she have liked the support of that staunch friend in the unknown trials which lay before her, but Barbara must be spared. It was for her, Edith Ellery, to do this errand alone, and should she weakly shrink and falter where he, for love of her, had faced all so bravely?

"I don't know what you will say, Barbara," she began appealingly when she slowly returned to the carriage from her errand, "but do you not have impulses sometimes which you can hardly explain impelling you toward doing something which to another might seem simply irrational?"

"Frequently, my child. It is all that saves me from madness, as vaccination keeps one from smallpox. But what crazy move are you meditating now? Is it to go back and retract that telegram?"

"Not quite so bad as that, but—look at those."

Barbara Hallet was silent for a moment, amazedly turning over in her hand the two bits of pasteboard which the girl had given her, a cloud of something like displeasure creeping in a warm flush across her fair face. "A ticket for Cheyenne and a sleeping car section. Well, I must say, Edith, that this appears a little too irrational for my comprehension, but perhaps you will be good enough to explain."

"It is only—oh, don't be vexed, Barbara. It breaks my heart to think that you may be displeased with the whim, for, of course, it is merely a whim. But I want to go back to Wyoming for a few days. Indeed I feel that I must go."

"But it is perfectly preposterous, running off like this," knitting her brows fretfully over the tickets. "Wire Nelson to come down if you want to consult with her, though for that matter I thought you had already settled it to suit yourself. I thought you knew your own mind."

Edith had occasionally been put to confusion by her friend's feminine habit of jumping at a conclusion upon the smallest shred of evidence, but now there were thanks to heaven in her heart for this hint so opportunely offered. "But Nelson cannot leave the children," she breathlessly protested. "It would be so much easier for me to go to her. And it is such a little journey, now that I know the way."

"But to fly off at a tangent like this! You are planning to take the night train,

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I take it. To get into Cheyenne as nobody knows what uncanny hour—that rough, cowboy town."

"Oh, the place is beautifully civilized," she tried hard to be calm, though her lips rebelliously trembled. "And one is not obliged to face even the electric lights of the place unless one chooses, so the ticket man told me. The sleeper is sidetracked there until morning, for which reason you must see that it is the very train to take to get to the ranch comfortably, as one has the advantage of the early start for the long drive across the country. I would much rather spend the night in the sleeper than be obliged to stop over at Cameron's, as I did before."

"I have a good mind to go with you," announced her companion, her face brightening with the idea. "I really feel that I ought to if you will insist upon going. If it were not for Paul!"

"But you cannot leave the child; you must not," cried the girl quickly. "Why should you think of it? There is not the slightest reason for your going yourself, so far as I can see."

"Mrs. Hallet declared, with a palpable air of pique, 'unless you have found your stay with me so disagreeable.'"

"Ah, you don't know, you can't understand, and I can't explain." Her lips were now pitifully quivering and such pain in her appealing eyes as remained Barbara Hallet of some animal hurt to death. "Don't ask me to tell you until I come back, dear. I must go, and you must not try to stop me. That is all I can tell you now. Only trust me, Barbara."

## CHAPTER XIV.

His face turned impatiently toward that quarter whence presently the headlight of a locomotive would rise as a star against the soft darkness of the summer night, Paul Brown loitered at the remote eastern end of that long platform extending out from the railway station at Cheyenne. The great stone building looked grim and repellent as a prison in the white flood of the electric light. Few were there to welcome the coming at this hour of half past ten in the morning, while none were called to speed the parting guest, since the expected train was the local from Denver, which here would be at the end of its route. An empty baggage truck rumbled noisily across the wooden flooring to a position beside the outer track, the fellow supplying the propelling force as though wholly worn out with the effort, properly adjusting himself to a seat on its gridded surface, his legs drawn up to an angle of which the apex fairly met his chin, his hands clasped sustenance around the knees. A couple of hotel porters leaned lazily against a corner of the building, "swapping lies," as they would have expressed it, in the slang which served them for wit. A man perhaps not overhappy in anticipation of the arrival which had robbed him of good sleep, perhaps, like Paul Brown, too much absorbed in his own thoughts to encourage sociability, walked by himself in the shadows at the far end of the platform, while by the door of the women's room an express agent, his canvas covered book clasped tightly under one arm, discussed a question of local politics with a burly officer of the law, whose silver star of office shone in conspicuous warning to all evil doers.

"Expectin' company, Brown?" the crouching fellow on the baggage truck called out, with sleepy interest, after a little. But the one addressed never heard him.

"She is coming! She is coming!" he was saying over and over in passionate recitative to the accompaniment of his pulsing heart, keeping his joy alive. Even with his hand fast closed upon her telegram in his pocket he could yet sense believe that he was soon to see her face again. He felt that he could almost murmur blessings now on that newspaper thunderbolt, erstwhile so uncared, which had won for him a promise he could never have dared to pray for.

And so when Edith Ellery stepped from the sleeper that night it was Paul Brown's face which looked at her over the porter's shoulder; it was his hands which were reached out to clasp hers in voiceless welcome.

"It is you, really you?" she gasped, incredulously touching his sleeve with her finger tips. "Then it was not true? You are not?"

"Decidedly not," he laughed, taking the bag from her nerveless hands with an air of proprietorship. "Will you take my arm? It is scarce more than a dozen steps to the hotel, but I am obliged to take it rather slowly on account of my ankle, which is not yet altogether recovered from its wrench the other day. I hope you don't mind?"

"But I don't understand," she faltered bewilderedly. "I thought—" "You thought that you might perhaps find me hanging from a lamp-post." He laughed in boyish delight. "I am sorry that you had such a fright, but you must not expect me to be altogether sorry, since it has brought you here."

"Then it was not true what the paper said?"

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A High Calling.

Judge Sulzberger spoke a truth which is too often forgotten when he said, in a speech at the high school, that "there is not a teacher in the land that has a higher function than the lowest teacher in the lowest class of the primary school. They have souls before them, and the faculties of these active, restless souls have all to be called forth." In these few fitting words are embraced the whole scope and possibilities of education, and they make the primary teacher's calling in point of dignity and responsibility the peer of any vocation that concerns mankind. (Philadelphia Record.)

A Startling Announcement.

An English literary man who was on the verge of bringing out a book at the Pitt Press ordered his proofs to be sent to him at a house where he was engaged to dine out, intending to look them over in the half hour after dinner. The printer's boy however, was late in bringing them and the gentleman had already rejoined the ladies in the drawing room when the company was electrified by hearing the sonorous voice of the butler announcing, "The devil from the Pitt has come for Mr. Jones!"—[San Francisco Argonaut.]

Triumph of Bad Spelling.

Mr. J. R. E. Bartlett, Chelmsford, writes: "I can boast the achievement of Charles E. Ward, who, by spelling 'box' 'botch,' made more mistakes than the letters admit of. I have in my possession a letter addressed many years ago to my father, in which 13 mistakes are made in a single word of five letters. The word is, or was meant to be, usage; the spelling is yowzlob. There are thus five sins of omission and eight of commission; total, 13."—[London News.]

Both Wicked.

"My husband," said the large, fleshy lady, "has a habit of marking paragraphs in the paper that say mean things about women."

"So you will not fail to see them, eh? Still that is not as mean a trick as mine plays. He cuts them all out. Then I have to get another paper only to find that I have been fooled again."—[Indianapolis Journal.]

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

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Robert F. West of Boston was arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of Coleman Stannard. A \$30,000 sugar refining plant is to be erected in Camden, N. J., to oppose the Sugar Trust. A family of six sick persons were arrested at Bridgeport, Conn. The Law and Order League is springing up in its crusade at Bridgeport, Conn. Michael Kuegan of Lowell, Mass. was sent to jail for illegal voting. Charles Beck of Branford, Conn., stabbed his wife in several places. Stockholders of the Lombard Investment company protest against the sale of its assets. The recent public institutions investigation cost the city of Boston more than \$20,000. Porto Rico seeks exclusion from the modus vivendi between Spain and the United States. Boston questioners intend to oppose the bill for a law raising the fee required by law from \$3 to \$500. Central American countries wish to annul existing extradition treaties with the United States. The Newfoundland government will probably indict the directors of the wrecked Union Bank at St. John's, N. E. At Hartford, 100 high school boys have joined the National Anti-Slavery League. Five Jews in Portland, N. H., during the year 1894, amounted to \$250,000. Insurance losses, \$603. Police Officer Timothy Hennessey of Portsmouth, N. H., was suspended from duty for drunkenness. A portion of an edition of "The Bristol Weekly Herald" has been seized at the Bristol (Conn.) postoffice for a violation of the anti-lottery law. The paper contained a list of prizes awarded at a recent fair.

**Sunday, Jan. 20.**  
Dixon and Griffin fought 25 rounds to a draw at Conny Island. There was a riot and looting at Thompson's B. Road and Nelson W. Aldrich at Central Falls, R. I. New York merchants were swindled by bogus "Birk" Emil Van Guilder. An intoxicated man was pulled from beneath a moving train at Somerville, Mass., wanted to fight his rescuer. The Pullman Palace Car company declared a quarterly dividend of \$3 a share. The anniversary of General Lee's birth was observed by Virginia society and Confederate veterans in Atlanta. Stockholders of the Whisky Trust are to make a legal fight for their rights. The total number of deaths in Boston last week was 30. Further disclosures have been made of mismanagement of St. John's (N. E.) bank. Attorneys (Mass.) police are looking for Broker L. B. Chanter, who is wanted on a charge of bigamy. The K. K. Klots alk mill in New York was burned. The leader of the Doolittle gang of desperadoes was killed by a Kansas City posse of deputies. Bob Fitzsimmons was indicted for manslaughter in causing the death of Gen. Hildan. Harry Spalding, the embezzler, was brought back to Boston and lodged in jail. Albert H. Tuttle of Rutland, Vt., mail keeper, ex-editor and ex-postmaster, is dead.

**Monday, Jan. 21.**  
Herbert Rowe of Rockport, Mass., wandered away and committed suicide. Lydia E. Stephenson was arrested at St. Albans, Vt., for causing the death of a young woman by malpractice. A Swedish Congregational church at Watkinson, Mass., was dedicated. A glass factory in Sandwich, Mass., which has been idle for many years, started up. Lynn (Mass.) Armenians claim that a Turkish spy was attending their meetings. The South Norwalk Steamship company has assigned to W. S. Butler. Captain Porter's resignation will make a big impression on the Hoias. Kuchan, a city of Persia, was destroyed for the second time in 14 months by an earthquake. Many were killed. Rhode Island Knights of Labor issued a manifesto denouncing Sorrel, Hayes, Bishop and other leaders. All the colleges in Armenia are closed and 35 American professors imprisoned. Hundreds of Nebraska families are without food or fuel. Four Harvard (Mass.) strikers were arrested on the charge of threatening the life of a man who would not leave work. There is a growing belief in Dover, N. H., that Isaac F. Abbott had an accomplice in his wrong-doing. Richard W. Meagher was fatally shot by Hiram P. Ring at the latter's boarding house in Natick, Mass. Resolutions commemorating the attitude of St. John's (N. E.) press in the present crisis were read in all the churches of that city. Adolph Seelig confirms the report that he will establish a big sugar refinery in Jersey City. George Busby of Fall River, Mass., hanged himself in Taunton jail. A serious case of diphtheria at Bridgeport, Conn., was successfully treated with antitoxin. Mayor Strong's ideas about Sunday saloon opening in New York city are meeting with determined opposition. A colossal scheme is said to be on foot to deprive the government of its equity in the Union Pacific, dismember the road and divide the spoils among Wall street men. Republican congressmen are overwhelmed with applications for offices in the new house. Treasury officials take a hopeful view of prospective revenue receipts. Central Americans fear that Mexico has designs upon territory to the south of her.

**Tuesday, Jan. 22.**  
Thomas E. Hersey badly wounded a young woman and then fatally shot himself at Newburyport, Mass. M. Bourgeois informed France's new president that he had been unable to form a cabinet. The Japanese government officially denies an American war correspondent's account of the massacre at Port Arthur. Reports that King George is bound to abdicate continue to be heard from Greece. Chances seem to favor the Nicaragua canal bill if a gentleman has resigned. The Connecticut legislature is said to be asked to pass a bill giving single women the preference in shops and factories. Dr. C. A. Webster of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., won the Elihu Thomson prize for the best treatise on electricity. The western grain business is still poor. Lord Randolph Churchill is weaker. The Duke of Argyll's condition is unchanged. A blizzard is working eastward from Colorado. Mexico is preparing for war with Guatemala. Three skaters were drowned at Fort Madison, Ia. More earthquake shocks were felt in Messina and its vicinity. Recalcitrant sugar investigation witnesses pleaded not guilty. The number of deserted farms in New Hampshire has been lessened one-half. The Durham (Mass.) kindergarten school is closed on account of diphtheria. About 25 warrants were served on illegal liquor dealers in Lynn, Mass. Owners, the traveling postoffice doz. is in Boston. Austrian masses were dispersed at Vienna while protesting against increased taxation. The Sugar Trust won its case and the trust law is declared illegal, as applicable to stock transfers. United States representatives in Brazil are trying to settle the disagreement on the American tariff on sugar. Henry B. Spalding, arraigned at Boston on the charge of embezzling from Wheeler, Blodgett & Co., pleaded guilty. Queen Victoria will meet the czar and his wife, the Emperor and Empress of Germany and others at Darmstadt in April. A Peruvian refugee, now in San Francisco, declares that the revolution in his country is growing more serious for the government.

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There is little change in the Brooklyn strike situation. The few cars run are heavily guarded. Police have been warned that if they fall in their duty they will be dismissed. Many lively skirmishes occurred between strikers and the police, supported by military. The mayor thinks no more soldiers will be necessary. Two men were shot by soldiers, one probably fatally. William C. Anthony was indicted for murder at Newburyport, R. I. Forty Boston laborers were forsaken in Portland, Me., by a man who had promised them employment. The case of Edward H. Oakes, charged with setting fire to his office in Lynn, Mass., is to again be brought before the grand jury. An official permit has been granted by the Sullivan to the American College for Girls at Constanceville. There is a sentiment among Boston merchants that they are not sufficiently protected against swindlers. The Massachusetts Homoeopathic hospital had more patients in 1894 than in any previous year. The Lowell (Mass.) common council again failed to elect a president. An Idaho law intended to silver was repealed. The Italian parliamentary session was closed by royal decree. Chinese peace envoys will sail for Japan next Saturday. Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific employees are being laid off. Iron works at Benwood, W. Va., started up after two years' inoperativeness. Colonel E. F. Stone, ex-mayor of Newburyport, Mass., is dead. Weekly exports from New York, specie excluded, were \$9,788,481. There is reported an alliance of Nicaraguan, Honduran and Guatemalan interests. The captain of the wrecked steamer State of Missouri denies that any lives were lost. Additional exposures of the acts of the defaulting bank directors of St. John's, N. E., are promised. Ex-Governor Patterson has accepted the Democratic nomination for mayor of Philadelphia. The national convention of manufacturers effected a temporary organization at Cincinnati. The failure of the retail dry goods firm of D. H. Dougherty & Co., Augusta, Ga., is announced. President Faure will retire from his Havre firm. Professor Charles Seaton, the Swiss philosopher, is dead. The Congregational church in Rockland, Me., has extended a call to Rev. W. L. Sweet of Passaic, N. J.

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